THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (c) The overall physical progress of the Numaligarh Refinery Project is around 91%. The refinery is expected to be commissioned by April 1999.

(b) The total project cost of the Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. and Marketing Terminal is Rs. 2724 crores (Refinery Rs. 2489 crores, Marketing Terminal Rs. 235 crores). Fund requirement of Rs. 2724 crores will be met by Rs. 908 crores from equity and Rs. 1816 crores from loan/debentures.

Of the total debt of Rs. 1816 crores, Rs. 1434 crores are being provided by OIDB/ Government of India (GOI) (OIDB: 1334 crores, GOI: Rs. 100 crores) as loan of which Rs. 1339 crores have already been released. Balance Rs. 382 crores are to be raised from banks/financial institutions/HUDCO. As such, there is no constraint in raising the required debt for financing the project.

Additional allocation of Naphtha to Spectrum Power Generation Limited

4081. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Spectrum Power Generation Limited, as fast track Godavari gas based combined cycle project, has commissioned the third gas turbine unit; and

(b) whether an initial allotment of 30,000 MT Naphtha per annum has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

LPG recovery plant at Gandhar

4082. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that establishment of an LPG recovery plant at Gandhar in Gujarat is being unduly delayed due to a row between Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been contemplated by Government to resolve the row between ONGC and GAIL and expedite setting up of the Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The establishment of LPG recovery plant at Gandhar by GAIL has been delayed on account of the availbility of gas being lower than the initial projections. To expedite the setting of the LPG reovery plant, GAIL has been asked to downsize the plant capacity to much the availability of gas.

Small oil and natural gas fields in the country

4083. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the small oil and natural gas fields in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government had a proposal for the exploration of oil and natural gas in these small oil fields; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) ONGC and OIL have so far identified 101 small-sized oil and gas fields in different States as under:

Andhra Pradesh	25
Assam	21
Gujarat	31
Nagaland	1
Rajasthan	8
Tamilnadu	14
Tripura	1
	101

A large number of these fields are under production or have been under production by ONGC/OIL. Some of these fields are yet to go into production as they are under development or awaiting delineation/assessment, firm

demand etc. Contracts for total of 13 small fields have been signed with the private companies for development and production.

Criteria for allotment of gas agency

4084. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for selecting locality and dealer for allotment of gas agency, alongwith the composition of Oil Selection Board for Assam;

(b) the details of the localities identified, so far, in Assam for sanction of new gas agency; and

(c) the details of gas agency sanctioned in the state during the last three years and proposed to be sanctioned in the current financial year, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Oil companies conduct market surveys to identify economically viable locations in the urban, urban/rural and rural areas for inclusion in the LPG Marketing Plans. As per existing policy, oil companies advertise the locations included in the approved Marketing Plans under different reserved categories in two newspapers, one in English daily and one in vernacular daily, and invite applications from the candidates meeting the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, residence, income, multiple dealership norms, etc. Selection of the eligible candidates is made by the duly constituted Dealer Selection Boards. Reservation for different categories have been provided as under:—

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes	(SC/ST)-25%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)	-5%
Paramilitary/Police/Govt. Personnel (PMP)	-8%
Defence Personnel (DC)	-8%
Freedom Fighters (FF)	-2%
Outstanding Sportspersons(OSP)	-2%
Open (O)	-50%

Also, 33% of the dealerships/ distributorships in all the categories mentioned above are reserved for Women belonging to that category. Other things being equal Unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents and Widows are given priority over others.

As per exisiting policy, selection will be made by a duly constituted Dealer Selection Board consisting of:

(1) a retired judge of a High Court —Chairman

(2) an officer not below the rank of Dy. General manager of the Concerned oil company. —Member

(3) an officer not below the rank of Dy. General Manager of another Oil Company. —Member

(b) and (c) During the last three years (*i.e.* 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98) 27 LPG distributorships have been commissioned in Assam. In addition to the locations pending from the previous Marketing Plans, 38 LPG distributorships have been included in the LPG marketing Plan 1996—98 for Assam. Actual number of distributorships to be opened will depend on various factors such as number of interviews conduted by Dealer Selection Board (Assam), availability of land, etc. It generally takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of the dealership/distributorship from the date of advertisement.

कांगड़ा जिले में रसोई गैस की आपूर्ति

4085. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कांगड़ा जिले की उन पंचायतों के नाम क्या-क्या है जहां पर निगम की गैस एजेंसी द्वारा रसोई गैस की आपूर्ति की जाती है;

(ख) ऐसे गांवों की संख्या कितनी है जो मेन रोड या मोटरेबल रोड से 500 से 1000 गज की दूरी पर स्थित हैं तथा इन गांवों में दिये गये कनेक्शनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार इन गांवों में भी सिलिण्डरों की होम डिलीवरी तथा जांच का कार्य एजेंसी के द्वारा करवाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): (क) और (ख) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कांगड़ा जिले में 16 एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें